

Hornet Ranger Station, Storage Building
(Building No. 1346)
Payette National Forest
National Forest Road No. 50002
Council Vicinity
Adams County
Idaho

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HORNET RANGER STATION, STORAGE BUILDING (Bldg. No. 1346)
HABS No. 1D-110-F

Location: Payette National Forest
15 miles southwest of Council
0.2 miles north of Washington County line
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek
Adams County
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, 1D, quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1026 Park Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The storage building was constructed ca. 1960.

2. Architect/Builder: The storage building was built as a modified single-room shed from plans available for "miscellaneous buildings." It was built by personnel under the supervision of the Payette National Forest.

3. Original and subsequent owners: The storage building has always been the property of the U.S. Forest Service.

4. Alterations and additions: The exterior was originally painted white with green trim. Today, the storage building is painted avocado with white trim. The original shingle roof was replaced with corrugated aluminum.

B. Historical Context: See overview section.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Storage Building is a one-story structure, 10.5 feet (N-S) by 12.5 feet. It measures 12 feet from the ground to the peak of the roof. Designed for the storage of tools and equipment, the building remains largely unfinished without plumbing or electricity. It was placed centrally between the living and working portions of the complex.

1. Architectural character: The one-story unfinished frame building with shiplap siding was built from Region 4 plans for miscellaneous buildings. No specific plans have been located in Payette N.F. records detailing the construction of this improvement. It is a typical example of post-1945 regional Forest Service architecture and was built to conform with other buildings in the complex.

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is good.

B. Description of the Exterior

1. Foundations: The building is supported by concrete block evenly spaced beneath the floor. Framed corner posts, trimmed in white, help to bear the load of the roof.

2. Walls: The frame building is constructed with milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. Wire nails were used throughout as structural fasteners. The exterior is covered with shiplap (horizontal) overlapping siding. Walls rest upon "2 x 6" sills of Douglas fir. Trim around the windows and doors is painted white.

3. Doors: The building contains one entry door centered under the gable on the facade (east elevation). The door is wood and contains five horizontal panels.

4. Windows: The fenestration includes one window located on the west elevation. The window contains six panes, is hinged at the bottom, and opens inward.

5. Roof: The gable roof is constructed with "2 x 4" rafters of Douglas fir; one by six-inch "ribbon braces" are attached to each rafter for added support. Standard "1 x 6" fir ridge board frames the roofline. The fir sheathing and board is covered with corrugated aluminum painted green.

C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The storage building consists of a single unfinished room.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The floor is tongue and groove pine. The ceiling is open to the exposed rafters of the roof.

3. Other features: There are four interior corner posts of Douglas fir to support the load of the roof and walls.